

presented hereby render moot the rejection under the combination of Minturn and Walden et al.

In particular, the Applicant hereby submits amendments to claim 1 clarifying that at least one solution action is associated with at least one of the health solution elements. Further, a solution variable is associated with each solution action. The filtering system recited in the claim further assigns a numerical value to the at least one solution variable based on the selected health questions, the set of links, and the user health data.

The health education system as recited in claim 1 thus differs from the system described in Minturn in that the claimed system is specifically directive to an individual user and not simply evaluative or informative. The system described in Minturn evaluates the subject's individual lifestyle and assigns a verbal and numerical score to that lifestyle. In addition, the Minturn system provides only highly generic advice that would be valid for groups of users. The Minturn system is designed to generate insurability ranking factors for use in establishing financial incentives for insured individuals. The Minturn system in no way discloses, teaches, or suggests a system that defines solution variables associated with solution actions and assigns a numerical value to the solution variables.

The Walden et al. reference relates to the distribution of online computer help information and has no relation to a directive system that assigns numerical values to solution variables associated with solution actions as recited in claim 1. The Applicant thus respectfully submits that the cited combination does not disclose, teach, or suggest the health education system as recited in claim 1.

The Applicant thus respectfully submits that the amendments to claim 1 distinguish the present invention over the Minturn and Walden et al. references, taken alone or in combination, and requests allowance of amended claim 1. Claims 2-19 further define claim 1 and should be allowable for at least the reasons listed above. The Applicant has further taken this opportunity to present claims 20-23, which also further define claim 1 and should also be in condition for allowance.

In reviewing the claims, the Applicant found minor editing errors in claims 2, 5, 9, 11, and 15, and has amended these claims to correct these errors. The correction of claims 2, 5, 9, and 15 is not intended to change the scope of these claims.

Submitted herewith is a document (entitled Exhibit A - Listing of All Claims and Amendments (06-24-2005)) containing a listing of the claims as currently presented. The attached Listing contains the text of each pending claim, along with any amendments made hereby (illustrated using strikethrough and underlining) and the status of each pending claim.

Given the foregoing, the Applicant respectfully submits that currently pending claims 1-23 are in condition for allowance, and such allowance is respectfully requested. If there is any matter which could be expedited by consultation with the Applicant's attorney, such would be welcome. The Applicant's attorney can normally be reached at the telephone number below.

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